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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure, the following information is disclosed to aid the Examiner in the examination of the application.

The inclusion of information in this Disclosure Statement and as set forth on the accompanying form PTO-1449 is not necessarily a concession that such information is prior art to the present invention or that the same is in an art area analogous to the present invention.

It is requested respectfully that the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record and considered with respect to the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application and that the Examiner indicate having done so by initialing the enclosed PTO-

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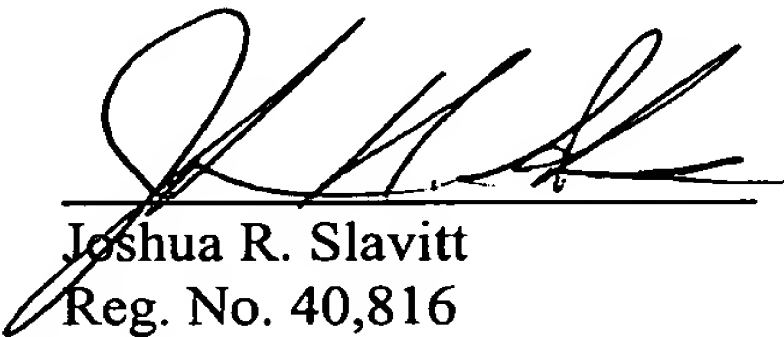
1449 form at the indicated locations. It is also requested that Applicant be provided with a copy of the initialed form PTO-1449 for his records.

Copies of the information items, Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration dated August 1, 2001, along with the International Search Report, are enclosed.

Since each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement, the fee established under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is not required.

Respectfully submitted,

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